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Regarding the proposed settlement of Microsoft's illegal business practices:

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current proposed settlement does not fully redress the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, nor inhibit their ability to commit similar actions in the future.

I have read stories (which I believe) indicating that Microsoft is actually calling their customers telling them to submit comments on the settlement in favor of Microsoft during the Tunney Act comment period. Microsoft claims that the trial itself is the real cause of strain on the economy and that supporting Microsoft for a quick, unrestricted settlement is the best way out.

This is absurd. Microsoft is merely using its unprecedented marketing (read monopolistic) power to try and win this uphill legal battle. Because of this propaganda, the people are not being fairly represented--no one is calling Microsoft clients and telling them the other side of the story. That's simply too expensive.

This propaganda of Microsoft's may gain them popularity, but what's popular is not always what's right. I argue that this abuse of their resources to further their legal position shows us unequivocally that Microsoft will continue to abuse their position in the market after this settlement is finalized.

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